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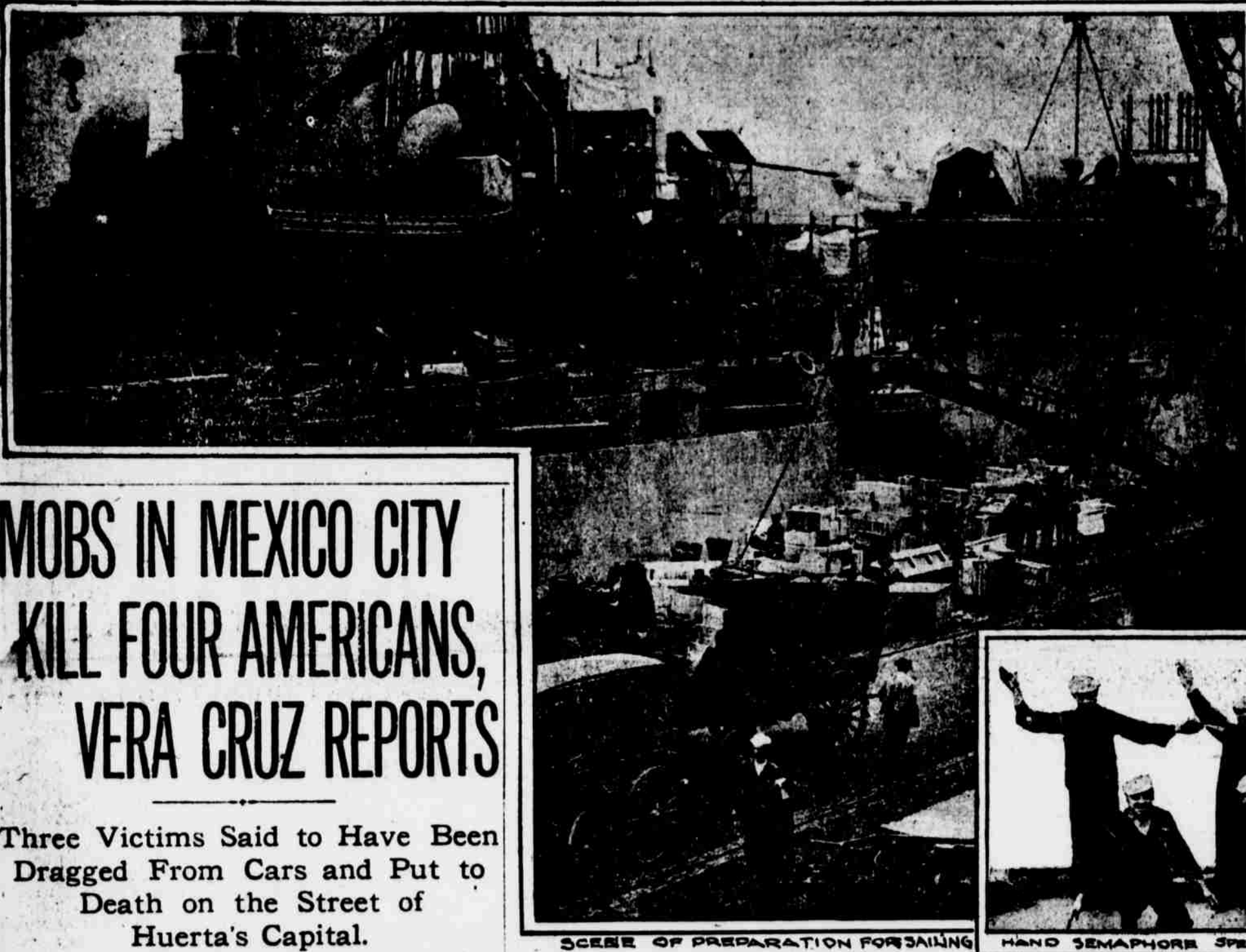
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MOBS IN MEXICO CITY KILL FOUR AMERICANS, VERA CRUZ REPORTS

Three Victims Said to Have Been Dragged From Cars and Put to Death on the Street of Huerta's Capital.

VERA CRUZ, April 25.—El Dictamen, a Vera Cruz newspaper, in its issue to-day says four Americans have been killed by mobs in Mexico City. It declares it has received this information from the Federal capital.

Three of the American victims were taken out of street cars and killed on the streets, while the fourth was killed in the Young Men's Christian Association building by members of the baseball team, to which he belonged, according to El Dictamen, which made its reappearance to-day.

Vera Cruz was to-day isolated from direct communication with the interior, but the news brought here by refugees indicates that the state of affairs is bad and rapidly growing worse, so far as Americans are concerned. The refugees bring word of intense anti-American feeling in all directions.

SITUATION OF AMERICANS IS GRAVE.

The American military authorities in Vera Cruz consider the situation of Americans in the capital and all over the republic grave.

Almost normal tranquillity has been restored in the city, but occasional sniping occurred during last night. There was no general disorder, the domination of the city by the American forces having been generally accepted by the residents.

The order issued from the Admiral's headquarters for the closing of all saloons remained in effect to-day. Still more stores were open for business, however, than was the case yesterday.

The restaurants are having some difficulty in furnishing the usual quantity and quality of food, owing to the impossibility of obtaining supplies. Prices have therefore been advanced. The American lines, some ten miles in length, now completely encircle the city, and outposts have been established covering all points from one to five miles out.

WASHINGTON HEARS OF ARRESTS.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Arrest of several Americans before Charge O'Shaughnessy's train left Mexico City was reported in State Department despatches from Consul Canada to-day. The report said that J. Starr Hunt and family, with several other Americans, were taken from the train at Mexico City before it started.

At Lavilla, the first station outside of Mexico City, Burton Wilson, believed to be an American, was likewise arrested.

The O'Shaughnessy party reported to Consul Canada that "a perfect reign of terror" prevailed in Mexico City.

They confirmed the story that the George Washington statue in Mexico City had been pulled down by an unruly mob.

Advices to the State Department to-day declared that Americans had been arrested by Mexican Federals at Yripata, between Mexico City and Veracruz.

DAMN THE MEXICANOS, NEW "CARABAO" SONG

New Version of the Verses That Originated in the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—A specially Mexicanized version of the famous Carabao song, which it will be recalled brought censure to the military order of that name last winter, was hummed surreptitiously around the State, War and Navy Departments to-day. The new versification pays its respects, not only to the Mexicans, but to "grape juice diplomacy," and runs:

"Damn, damn, damn the Mexicanos!
Green-eyed, gory greaser gangs;
In the town of Vera Cruz, paralyze 'em with grape juice,
Let the Huertas and the Villias go to hang!"

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BAER STRICKEN WITH PARALYSIS FALLS IN STREET

Railroad Magnate Suffers a Stroke Near His Home in Philadelphia.

(Special to The Evening World.)
PHILADELPHIA, April 25.—George F. Baer, President of the Reading Railroad, was stricken on the street here to-day with what physicians believe was a stroke of paralysis. He fell to the sidewalk and was carried to his home five blocks distant where physicians who were summoned are now with him.

It is believed Mr. Baer's condition is serious. Mr. Baer became ill at 9 o'clock while walking from his home to his office, as was his custom. He fell unconscious and was carried into a nearby tailoring shop. Afterward he was taken to his home in an automobile. Dr. Alfred Stengel, Mr. Baer's physician, who lives only a few doors away, was at his bedside immediately. Dr. Stengel told newspaper men that Mr. Baer's condition is serious and he is doubtful of the outcome.

Mr. Baer had not been complaining of any illness, and despite the fact that he was seventy-one years old last September, his associates regarded him as being in the best of health. Mr. Baer, as the head of one of the greatest industries of the country, and one of the most conspicuous of their group of men who have directed the economic development of the past two decades, has a life history which tempts with interest, from the days of his boyhood in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

ATTACK ON TAMPICO BY REBELS RENEWED

Admiral Mayo Reports Constitutionalists Gunboats Are Firing on Town.

JUAREZ, April 25.—An official report predicts the early fall of Tampico into the rebel hands. The report declares that the rebel commander, Gen. Caballero, called on the Federal general to surrender or leave the city and fight it out in the open.

The latter declined both proposals and the report said a furious attack, characterized by sanguinary street fighting, began and continued all yesterday. BROWNSVILLE, Tex., April 25.—The following report, signed by Gen. Caballero, rebel commander at Tampico, to Constitutionalists Headquarters at Matamoros, under date of the 24th, was given out here to-day:

"Having come to my notice that the Federals in Tampico were offering further insults to Americans, I immediately responded by attack at 4 o'clock this morning, and already have captured the cemetery, where a strong Federal force resisted. Expect triumph by night."

BRYAN ANGRILY DENIES HEARST PAPER REPORT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—Secretary Bryan to-day expressed great indignation at a Hearst newspaper story that another ultimatum had been sent Dictator Huerta.

"Such unfounded reports only serve to increase the President's difficulties in handling a serious situation," he said angrily. "There is no basis whatever in point of fact for them."

BERMUDA TOUR.
Five days of sight-seeing, and a return to New York by way of Bermuda, will be the tour of Secretary Bryan and his family, which will start on Sunday morning.

SPAIN TAKES CHARGE OF MEXICAN EMBASSY

Ambassador Riano Now Represents the Huerta Government at Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Senor Don Juan Riano, the Spanish Ambassador, to-day announced that he had taken charge of the affairs of the Mexican Government in Washington. Following reports from Madrid yesterday that King Alfonso was willing to act as mediator, the selection of Spain to look after the affairs of Mexico was regarded with significance. Although there have been several informal suggestions of diplomatic intervention from various quarters, it is declared at the State Department that no formal offers had been made nor were any expected.

FIRST OF REFUGEES REACH GALVESTON

Fifteen Hundred More Will Arrive There To-morrow On The Esperanza.

GALVESTON, Tex., April 25.—The vanguard of several thousand refugees from Mexico, headed for Galveston, arrived here to-day on the United States collier Cyclops from Vera Cruz and Tampico, and the steamer Trinidad from Tampico. The majority were Americans. To-morrow 1,500 refugees are due on the steamer Esperanza, from both Vera Cruz and Tampico. Major I. L. McIlhenny, state quarantine officer, has ordered 400 cots installed in the hospital at the United States immigration station at Pelican Island, where the refugees will be detained for six days in accordance with quarantine regulations.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN SEIZED ON MEXICAN TRAIN SAID TO BE SHOT

Secretary of State Bryan Receives Startling Telegram From Consul Canada at Vera Cruz Giving Particulars of the Hold-Up.

ONE OF THE PRISONERS A SUBJECT OF BRITAIN

Men Arrested Were Connected With Railroad or Plantation Operated by Americans.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Twenty refugees, nineteen of them Americans and one a British subject, are believed to have been executed following their capture by Huerta's men near the 155,000-acre plantation of the Molzorongo Company of Chicago in Mexico late Friday.

Secretary of State Bryan wired Dr. Herbert A. Parkyn of Chicago, President of the company, to-day telling of the seizure and probable execution of the party. A. M. Turner of Chicago is believed to be one of the twenty shot.

Turner was sent to the plantation by the company to order the force to seek protection in case of trouble, but from Mr. Bryan's message it is thought he arrived too late.

Mr. Bryan's despatch names a majority of the party captured. His message follows:

"Herbert A. Parkyn, President Molzorongo Company, 1511 Marquette Building, Chicago, Ill.

"The following, dated April 24, at 10 A. M., and received from the American Consul at Vera Cruz, is sent for your information:

"Am just reliably informed at 8 o'clock Tuesday night soldiers stopped train in vicinity of Tierra Blanca, on Vera Cruz Isthmus Railroad, taking following prisoners:

"W. Mangum, railroad superintendent; Elliott, engineer; Riley and Hart, conductors. All are Americans. These persons are taken to Cordoba or Orizaba and believed ordered shot.

"Some eighteen or more Americans left for Tierra Blanca, C. B. Herron, Secretary Isthmus Railroad, wife and four children; J. O. Cook, chief engineer; John F. Lighter, conductor; J. F. Langston and wife; Kervin, engineer, and Mr. and Mrs. George Macomber.

"Name soldiers stopped at Hacienda Molzorongo, on same railroad, taking prisoners Edward Wunsch and son Sydney; A. M. Turner, Secretary of the Hacienda Molzorongo, all Americans; also a man named Boyd, British subject. All taken to Cordoba or Orizaba.

"It is reliably stated that these prisoners may be executed. Admirals Fletcher and Badger have this information before them.

"BRYAN."

BRYAN GETTING AFTER THE FACTS.

Secretary Bryan said this afternoon: "We are endeavoring to find out through the Brazilian Embassy in Mexico City definite information concerning the nineteen Americans and one British subject reported held prisoners at Orizaba. The British Ambassador here in Washington has received the same report that we have and he is endeavoring also to get the facts.

According to the report of Consul Canada, the prisoners were taken at Tierra Blanca and conveyed to Orizaba. The first named place is on the Tehuantepec Railway where there are railroad shops. Orizaba is on the Vera Cruz-Mexico City line and is the junction for a branch road leading up from Tierra Blanca."

Wuench was the manager of the plantation, which is owned by 1,500 American and British stockholders. The Boyd mentioned is Alexander Boyd of London, cashier of the plantation. Mrs. Boyd also was on the plantation, and two Californians named Peckham and Andrews. No mention was made of them.

F. M. Lehmer of Omaha, reported arrested by Mexican Federal authorities, is owner of a small sugar plantation near El Hule, 125 miles southwest of Vera Cruz. He also is general manager of a large plantation near that place owned by an Englishman.

The plantation is isolated between Cordoba and Tierra Blanca. It has been in operation for eight years and the owners have frequently been obliged to pay tribute to each of the contending forces. Sometimes the Federals and sometimes the rebels would take possession for a day or so. They usually would confine themselves to seizing horses or whatever money was in the safe, but have never attempted to harm the workers.

All the English engineers on the Mexican Railway have been arrested and the locomotives have been placed in charge of Mexicans. The